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of injuries and deaths. Statistics will show, however, that more than half of the reported injuries and deaths from people traveling in the back of trucks are children. This law would reduce the number of children in this situation. Nebraska law mandates car seats for infants and young children. LB 227 goes hand in hand with the car seat and the seat belt laws. LB 227 simply takes another small step in the direction toward keeping our children safe. Whenever I move a fine piece of furniture in the back of my truck, which is probably less valuable than that piece of furniture, I wrap blankets around it and tie it in to protect it. Children are certainly more precious than a piece of furniture, and I will not allow my children in my family to be placed in danger by letting them ride in an area of a vehicle meant for a piece of furniture. I ask you to help me protect our children from this type of unnecessary accident. Let me add that this bill came out of committee with all votes in favor of it. I encourage you to support LB 227, and help me move it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 227. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Foley, followed by Senators Smith, Wehrbein, and Byars. Senator Foley. Is Senator Foley on the floor? I do not see him. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Aguilar, I do have a question regarding your bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar, would you respond?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: How would this affect kids in a parade, a very temporary situation? Would that...would they be affected?

SENATOR AGUILAR: As I stated in my opening, Senator Smith, they are exempted from this.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, for what period, or distance? How does that work, in a practical manner?